

REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 27 and 29 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 was amended to include all the limitations of dependent claims 7 and 9, and claims 7 and 9 were each cancelled. Claims 8, 10, 11 and 13 were each amended to change the dependency of these claims from cancelled claim 7, or from cancelled claim 9, to claim 1. Claim 28 was cancelled.

No new matter was added by the present Amendment. Withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below.

Allowability of Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 13

In the Office Action of November 19, 2003, claims 9 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 was amended herein to include all the limitations of claim 9 and intervening claim 7, and therefore amended claim 1 should be allowable. Claims 2-6, 8, 10, 11 and 13 each depend from claim 1, and therefore each of these dependent claims should also be allowable.

Allowance of Claims 27 and 29

Claims 27 and 29 were allowed in the Office Action dated November 19, 2003.

Conclusion

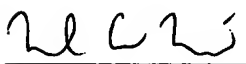
It is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present Application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes an interview, either telephonic or in person, will advance the prosecution of this matter, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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